GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:18
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2006
MODEL CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has formulated a Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for operation and maintenance of the National Highways through the public- private partnerships mode as reported in the Financial Express dated October 24, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table on the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.18 REGARDING MODEL CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS BY SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA DUE FOR ANWER ON 22.11.2006.

(a) to (c): Planning Commission has published a Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for operation, maintenance and transfer of roads through public private partnership, as a best practice document that can be suitably adapted and adopted by central or state road development agencies. An overview of the MCA is placed on the website of the Committee on Infrastructure: www.infrastructure.gov.in.

An Inter Ministerial Group under Secretary, Road Transport & Highways is to finalize the draft MCA for operation and maintenance (O&M) of National Highways that would be submitted to the Committee on Infrastructure for adoption in respect of National Highways.

The Government is committed to higher quality maintenance of the National Highways that are developed under the NHDP and also to tap private investment in the highways sector. Once approved, the MCA for O&M would lay down the framework for private sector investment in operation and maintenance of National Highways.